

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, said method comprising:
 - a) establishing a communications link between at least one computer-based device and a remote server system;
 - b) downloading a software module from said remote server system to said computer-based device;
 - c) transferring a first directive file from said remote server system to said software module, said first directive file working in conjunction with said remote server system, said software module identifying installed computer related information on said computer-based device;
 - d) said remote server system receiving a second directive file from said software module regarding said identified installed computer related information;
 - e) receiving from said software module a selected list of installed computer related information to be uploaded to said remote server system;
 - f) transferring a third directive file from said remote server system to said software module, said third directive file working in conjunction with said remote server system and said software module extracting said selected list of installed computer-related information;
 - g) said remote server system receiving said extracted information from said software module in a fourth directive file, and
 - h) said remote server system parsing said fourth directive file and storing said extracted information.

2. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein one or more of said directive files are created from an XML snippet database.

3. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 2, wherein said XML snippet database is periodically updated to include new and updated operating systems.

4. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 3, wherein said ~~step of~~ transferring a first directive file from said remote server system to said software module further comprises:

identifying an operating system associated with said computer-based device;

said remote server system accessing said XML snippet database to identify XML snippets associated with said identified operating system, and

adding said identified XML snippets to said first directive file.

5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 3, wherein said ~~step of~~ transferring a third directive file from said remote server system further comprises:

~~said remote server system~~ accessing said XML snippet database with said remote server system to identify XML snippets associated with said selected list of information, corresponding to identified installed applications, files, and other data, to be uploaded to said remote server system, and

adding said identified snippets to said third directive file.

6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein said information comprises

any of the following: hardware settings, system settings, attached device settings, application settings, document settings, desktop settings, e-mail settings, and address book settings.

7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein said information comprises any from the following list: hardware settings, system settings, attached device settings, application settings, document settings, files, desktop settings, files, data, e-mail settings, address book settings, bookmarks, and cookies.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein said computer-based devices include any of the following: personal computer systems, laptops, portable computers, net devices, palm computers or telephones.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein said parsing of directive files is performed by an XML parser.

10. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein said directive files and said stored information are in a markup based format.

11. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein said markup format is any of the following formats: HTML, SGML, XML or WML.

12. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 1, wherein said remote server system is located within an enterprise server system.

13. (Currently amended) A system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across ~~an~~ a network, said system comprising:

at least one computer-based device connected to a remote server system through said network;

a software module downloaded from said remote server system to said computer-based device;

a markup based snippet database comprising application and operating system related information, said snippet database accessible by said remote server system;

a first directive file from said remote server system identifying installed applications in said computer-based device, said first directive file created by said remote server system by selective retrieval of snippets from said markup based snippet database;

a second directive file, received by said remote server system from said software module, comprising information regarding a list of selected information corresponding to identified installed applications;

a third directive file from said remote server system providing instructions for extracting said selected information, said third directive file created by said remote server system by selective retrieval of snippets from said markup based snippet database, and

said remote server system receiving and storing said extracted information.

14. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein said information comprises any from the following list: hardware settings, system settings, attached device settings, application

settings, document settings, desktop settings, e-mail settings, and address book settings.

15. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein said information comprises any from the following list: hardware settings, system settings, attached device settings, application settings, document settings, files, desktop settings, files, data, e-mail settings, address book settings, bookmarks, and cookies.

16. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein said computer-based devices include any of the following: personal computer systems, laptops, portable computers, net devices, palm computers or telephones.

17. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein said stored information and directive files are in a markup based format.

18. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~18~~ 17, wherein said markup based format includes any of the following languages: HTML, SGML, WML or XML.

19. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein said system further includes an XML parser for parsing directive files in XML format.

20. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 14 13, wherein said network comprises any of the following: local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet, HTTP-based network, wireless network or enterprise network.

21. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 14 13, wherein said snippet database is an XML snippet database.

22. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 22 21, wherein said XML snippet database is periodically updated to include new and updated applications.

23. (Original) A system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, said system comprising:

at least one computer-based device connected to a remote server system through said network;

a software module downloaded from said remote server system to said computer-based device;

an XML snippet database comprising application and operating system related information, said XML snippet database accessible by said remote server system;

one or more directive files created by said remote server system by selective retrieval from said XML snippet database, said one or more directive files transferred to said software module and identifying information to be transferred from said computer-based device, and

one or more directive out files received and stored by said remote server system from said software module, said directive out files comprising said identified information.

24. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 25 23, wherein said information comprises any from the following list: hardware settings, system settings, attached device settings, application settings, document settings, desktop settings, e-mail settings, and address book settings.

25. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 25 23, wherein said information comprises any from the following list: hardware settings, system settings, attached device settings, application settings, document settings, files, desktop settings, files, data, e-mail settings, address book settings, bookmarks, and cookies.

26. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 25 23, wherein said computer-based devices include any of the following: personal computer systems, laptops, portable computers, net devices, palm computers or telephones.

27. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 25 23, wherein said directive files and stored information are in an XML format.

28. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim 29 27, wherein said system further includes an XML parser for parsing directive files in XML format.

29. (Currently amended) [[A]] The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a

network, as per claim ~~25~~ 23, wherein said network comprises any of the following: local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet, HTTP-based network, wireless network or enterprise network.

30. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The system for remotely extracting and storing computer related information across a network, as per claim ~~25~~ 23, wherein said XML snippet database is periodically updated to include new and updated applications.